

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. There is a lead mine on the Arda River, near the village of Türkopol, which is approximately 50 kilometers south of Kharmanlii on the Kharmanlii-Ivaylovgrad road.<sup>1</sup> There has been a small lead development here for some time, but large-scale development has been in progress for only the past year. The work is completely secret and organization (sic) is directed by Soviet citizens.
2. Miners who can be trusted are brought to the Türkopol mine from other mining districts. Prospective workmen are interrogated by a Soviet officer and must tell where they come from, why they are not on a collective farm, and describe their Communist Party status. Local Communist leaders in a candidate's native village then make further inquiries; if the results are favorable, the candidate is admitted to do simple labor for five or six months. If the results of the surveillance during this probationary period are favorable, a worker is admitted to the mines as a miner's assistant.
3. Miners have no relations with the local populace. They live in specially-constructed houses and are well treated and well paid. The people are kept at a distance from the mines by a close network of Militia posts.
4. There is no doubt that minerals other than lead are being produced by the mine,

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1. Comments: "Türkopol" probably refers to Türsko Pole (N 41-39, E 25-51) which is located approximately mid-way between Kharmanlii and Ivaylovgrad, which are only 50 kilometers apart. See sketch on page 2 for a location of Türsko Pole village in relation to the neighboring towns and transportation facilities. The sketch is traced from the AMS M506 1:250,000 map series.

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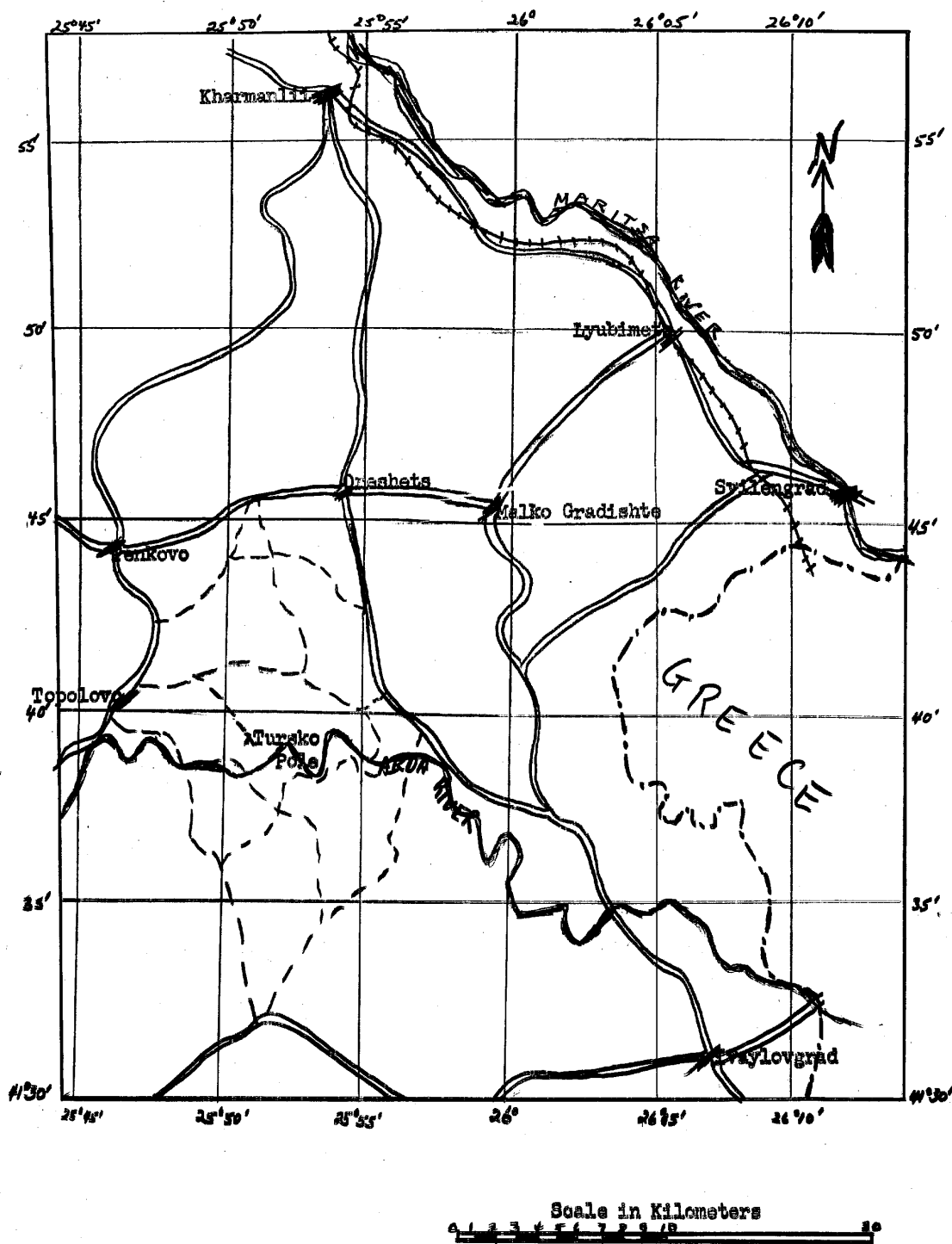
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